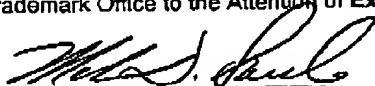


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Claims 1-77 are pending in the application and are subject to a restriction
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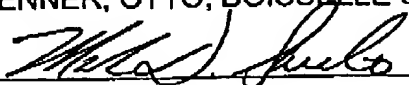
Applicants hereby elect Group IV (Claims 26-32 and 58-64) without traverse.
Examination of claims 26-32 and 58-64 on the merits is respectfully requested.

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